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# **DEAFHOOD: MJ Bienvenu**

By Craig Long

MJ Bienvenu graduated from Louisiana School for the Deaf and received her B.A. degree in English in 1974 and an

M.A. degree in Linguistics in 1983 both from Gallaudet University. She completed her PhD degree in Linguistics from Union Institute and University in 2003. She did not initially believe that American Sign Language (ASL) was an official language until she became a student at Gallaudet where she discovered that ASL is indeed a language. This discovery led her to a lifelong career in ASL and Deaf Studies. She is currently a professor in the ASL and Deaf Studies Department at Gallaudet University. She strongly believes that ASL is a language and that being bilingual in ASL and English is an important asset to have as a deaf person. This is the message that she sends to her students as well as in her presentations when she travels in the United States and abroad.

On January 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, she gave five wonderful presentations here at CSDR. Her first presentation was to a group of students in the Leadership class during 8<sup>th</sup> period. She explained the importance of leadership in the deaf community. She also gave presentations to the high school students in the social hall, where she also held workshops for elementary and middle school students. One topic she addressed is shoulder tapping. She explained that different Continued on page 3

UPCOMING EVENTS February 3rd Deaf Academic Bowl vs PDSD	(Bummy Ctr)
February 7th Class meetings	2 <sup>rd</sup> Period Social Hall
February 7 <sup>th</sup> Sophomore Seminar (CAHSEE)	(CONF room #1)
February 9 <sup>th</sup> Pageant 6:30pm \$5.00/\$3.00	(Social Hall)
February 10 <sup>th</sup> Special Needs Winterfest (invitation	nonly) (social hall)
February 15 <sup>th</sup> Dormitory Valentine's	(HSB1/2)
February 16 <sup>th</sup> TEEN DAY sponsored by GLA	D (The Lil' Cave)
February 16 <sup>th</sup> Alumni Basketball games	(The Lil' cave)
February 17 <sup>th</sup> Homegoing day February 21 <sup>st</sup>	return
February 22 <sup>nd</sup> First day of SPRING SPORTS	(High School)
February 22 <sup>nd</sup> Round table with Superintendent	(ASBG only)
February 24th Deafhood-Beth Benedict	

#### **CSDR Participated in the Clerc Classic**

By Raymond Nelson and Christopher Morton



The CSDR varsity boys' basketball team travelled to Austin, Texas for the Clerc Classic that occurred on

January 13-15. Seven boys basketball teams participated in this tournament which included Maryland School for the Deaf, Model Secondary School for the Deaf, Alabama School for the Deaf, California School for the Deaf-Fremont, California School for the Deaf- Riverside, Indiana School for the Deaf and of course the host school Texas School for the Deaf. The CSDR boys' basketball players had a lot of fun playing against other deaf schools. Everyone showed up with competition fire to show who was the best team in the nation.

CSDR played Alabama in the first round which turned out to be a duel. CSDR did well in the first half as they refused to lose, however Alabama wanted it more and ended up winning the game. Alabama went on to win 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the tournament. CSDR did not play in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round because The Learning Center for the Deaf from Massachusetts could not come due to a snow storm there. They played Texas in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round which was also a hot duel that resulted in a devastating lost. They played hard with high spirits throughout the tournament. CSDR took home 6<sup>th</sup> place. It wasn't much to cheer about but they were proud that they represented CSDR well.

As soon as the championship game between Maryland and Alabama ended, awards were given out to various teams and players. The best players who performed well on the court were named to the All Star team that included our own player, Raymond Nelson. The other players that were named to the All Star team are as follows: Todd Bonheyo, Trey Gordon, Raymond Nelson, Shawn Harrison, Kyle Bergin, and Carson Kyle. They will be playing in the East and West All-Star game in April. The girls' basketball team also participated in the Clerc Classic. Their first game was against Maryland School for the Deaf (MSD). Unfortunately, they lost 45-29. They played a tough game. Their second game was against Texas School for the Deaf (TSD), unfortunately, they also lost 32-27. It was a hot game, but they tried their best and kept their heads up. Their third game was against Arkansas School for the Deaf, and finally won 63-38. They felt good about their first victory. It was an excellent game. The girls' basketball team came in 7th place. Although, everyone

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tried their best as it was a tough tournament, everyone had an enjoyable time. Our Cheerleading team did well. Even though they did their best, they placed in 6th. The cheerleader leader board is as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> MSSD, 2<sup>nd</sup> ISD, and 3rd MSD. Congratulations to Maryland for winning the championship and to the players selected to the All Star teams! Also, kudos to CSDR for representing the Cubs well!

### The Class of 2013 Hosted Mid-Winter Ball

By Maj Lesti

Go as far back in time as you can to the Ice Age, imagine being in the cold all white and icy. That's what the sophomore class intended to do for our Annual Mid-Winter Ball as the event was held at Ice Town in Riverside where we owned the rink for one hour and half. Everyone had fun ice skating around the rink while some teachers showed up to chaperone. Students brought extra money to buy snacks and drinks at the snack bar. Everyone kept themselves warm with an extra jacket and socks. It was hilarious watching some of the students including staff fall down on ice. Everyone shared their laughter and joy! At the end of the night, the prince and princess from each class was revealed and ultimately the King and Queen winners were announced. Give a shout or hand wave to Steven Carranco and Marilyn Rivas as they were crowned King and Queen of Mid-Winter Ball. The sophomore class really succeeded in their goal in making this an entertaining evening. Kudos to you guys as we enjoyed the ball!



### **Interview: Nelson and Murphy**

By Christopher Morton

Christopher Morton interviewed Raymond Nelson and Montana Murphy, who are stars for the High School basketball team.

Christopher Morton: How do you feel about being the MVP of the Clerc Classic Tournament in front of seven different deaf schools?

Raymond Nelson: I actually worked hard to deserve it and I feel good to show the schools that we have an MVP player here at CSDR.

Christopher Morton: How do you think our team did? Did you expect them to do better?

Raymond Nelson: We knew we could do better than what we did, our highest expectation is to make this school look good and make it become the best high school campus in the United States.

Christopher Morton: Do you have a quote for our next year's basketball team since you are graduating next year?

Raymond Nelson: Yes, 'If we work hard, we will be successful.'

Christopher Morton: Oh, ok and do you have anything to say for our next year's basketball team?

Raymond Nelson: Yes, Play hard, play 100% on the court and listen to your coach

Christopher Morton: Thank you.

Raymond Nelson: You're Welcome.

Christopher Morton: How do you think our team did in the Clerc Classic Tournament? Did you expect us to do better?

Montana Murphy: We did great! We showed them that we are not nothing. We had a hot game. In the beginning, they all were being egoistic and saying that they would beat us badly, but we proved them wrong and we did great.

Christopher Morton: Wow, Do you have anything to say to our next year's basketball team since you are graduating this year?

Montana Murphy: Yes, I wish you all good luck and hope you do better next year.

Christopher Morton: Thank you, Montana Murphy has a quote for our next year's basketball team too and it says, 'If you lose, keep your head up many people are watching you.'

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Continued from page 1: Bienvenu types of shoulder tapping have different meanings. For example, a light push on the back indicates that he or she wants you to move, or a fast tap on the shoulder indicates that the message is important and needs immediate attention as in, "Hurry up, I need you to look at me!" Her last two presentations were to the staff at CSDR as well as to the outside community. The CSDR and outside communities now have a better understanding of her philosophy in ASL and Deaf Studies.



#### Did you know?

This year in 2011, we experience 4 unusual dates:

1.1.11 1.11.11 11.1.11 11.11.11 NOW-

Go figure this out.

Take the LAST 2 digits of the year you were born + the AGE you will be this year.

And it will equal = 111!

OR for young children born in this millennium, their sum will be =

11!

#### **Baseball Tryouts**

Baseball tryouts is scheduled for February 14-15. Everyone is welcome to tryout, just bring a great attitude and dedication. Team players are needed to help build a winning program! If interested, sign up in room 421.

#### Third Jr. NAD Meeting Held

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By CSDR Jr. NAD Board member, Raymart Tinio

On November 10, 2010, from 7–9pm, California School for the Deaf, Riverside's third Junior National Association of the Deaf (Jr. NAD) meeting was held at Mrs. Zarembka's classroom, room 304. The meeting started out with fun team building activities, old and new business.

Jr. NAD meeting opened with fun team building activities, where all of the Jr. NAD members stood on a sheet without

touching the floor. It became harder and harder as the sheet became smaller and smaller that the students had to be held on tightly with each other. It required a lot of teamwork with strategy and communication without the help of Jr. NAD Board members, Montana Murphy and Raymart Tinio, since they already experienced it. It helped the members to work closer with good teamwork and improve in leadership. This will help apply their leadership skills later in life.

As for old business, Jr. NAD had one old business from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Jr. NAD meeting that Treasurer Jeremy Warshaw motioned that he wanted the Jr. NAD membership to be paid a fee. His reason was that he wanted the organization to be one of the members for National Association of the Deaf (NAD). His motion failed along with many reasons such as members don't want to pay, could reduce the number of members and Jr. NAD can fund up to \$100 to be NAD members anyway. As a result, everyone (students) at CSDR can be a Jr. NAD member for free.

As for new business, we voted for the Deaf Teen America's theme, which was run by Pageant Chairperson Edith Alcocer. We will have the Pageant for CSDR High School, winners of Mr. and Mrs. will go for Deaf Teen America (DTA). Also, we voted for other Chairpersons; Claudia Atkinson for Jr. NAD t-shirt and Ian Vasquez for Jr. NAD bulletin board. Jr. NAD bulletin board will help keep you updated about the Jr. NAD events with the schedule of meeting and other important information.

Keep in mind that Jr. NAD meeting will occur every month and everyone in the high school at CSDR is welcome to join as a member for free. It will help improve your leadership experience. For those of you that want to go to Youth Leadership Camp, (YLC) this summer, you are required to be a member of Jr. NAD. Hopefully we'll see you at the next meeting!

#### **New Newsletter Logo Designed by Students**

By Craig Long

CSDR's current newsletter heading was created by the graphic arts teacher, Mr. Rinella. He created a very nice and simple logo. He believed that his 7<sup>th</sup> period graphic arts class should have the chance to re-design the heading of our newsletter. So, he assigned all of his 7<sup>th</sup> period students to re-design a new logo as part of a class project. The class uses Adobe Illustrator (AI) for most of their project. The class started out by hand drawing the logo as part of the brainstorming process. Next, the class cut and pasted the rough draft on to a scratch paper to see how it looked, and then they scanned the rough draft to the computer. The scanned rough draft was transferred on AI which allowed them to fine tune the rough draft before printing out the work. The printed work was submitted to the Career Technology Education principal, Mrs. Gravatt, who gave them a lot of positive feedback about their work. She also pointed out that the heading was for the whole school, which also includes parents and professionals outside of CSDR. With the feedback they received, they redesigned their ideas. Ultimately, the 7<sup>th</sup> period class finished all of their work which was then submitted for final approval by Mrs. Gravatt and Mr. Rinella. The new logo will go in effect in the February newsletter.

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#### **New Teacher Profile**

By Juan Flores



Candice Macy is the new Art teacher at CSDR. She received her art degree from Rochester Institute of Technology, and her master's degree in Deaf Education from Canisius College in Buffalo, New York. When she was in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, she decided she wanted to be a teacher just like her math and art teacher, Ms. Velterie,

who fascinated and inspired her. Besides art, she likes to dance. We are happy and lucky to have her on board! Welcome to CSDR, Ms. Macy!

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